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REMARKS

The Examiner has made a requirement for restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 62-95 and 97-99, drawn to an analysis-chip having one or more reactor(s) comprising at least one probe-ligand / substrate probe region,

and a marking system convex;

Group II: Claims 96, drawn to an analysis-chip comprising one or more reactors

having an easily-detachable substrate or/and a reactor-protecting structure;

Group III: Claims 100-102, drawn to an analysis-chip comprising a plurality of

reactors having a density of more than at least two reactors / sq. cm and a

partition structure;

Group IV: Claim 103, drawn to a base plate comprising a plurality of substrate probe

regions and a plurality of open partition structures;

Group V: Claim 104, drawn to a qualitative or/and quantitative analysis method

including steps of subjecting a sample to a probe-selective and marking reactions; washing the reactor; and analyzing the result of the reaction;

and

Group VI: Claim 105, drawn to a test device which comprises a cleaning unit used

for cleaning up the residual in an analysis-chip reactor after a reaction is finished, the cleaning being performed through absorption with waterabsorbing material in the cleaning unit; the water-absorbing material

presenting a water-absorptivity larger than 0.5g/g.

In order to comply with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, directed to claims 62-95 and 97-99, for prosecution in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired.

This election is without traverse.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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